

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Monday 19 Dec 2022 until 23:59 on Tuesday 20 Dec 2022

Forecast Issued on Sunday 18 Dec 2022 at 16:29 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Monday and for changeable weather for the rest of the coming week. Low for detail on Thursday and Friday and northward extent of any persistent rain or snow

Headline for Monday 19 Dec 2022: Windy with rain at times, thaw of lying snow

Mountain weather hazards on Monday 19 Dec 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	30%	70%	80%	80%	30%	10%

Forecast for Monday 19 Dec 2022

Weather: Cloudy conditions expected for much of the day. Strong southwesterly winds will bring rain at times, and this will turn to snow on the very highest tops for a short time as it clears away in the early evening. Much drier weather with clearing skies will spread northeast across all areas during the early evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Best chance north of Cairngorm, else 20%

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud down to 600 to 900 metres for most of the day, this clearing from the southwest early evening. Cloud will be more broken north of Cairngorm, and any breaks elsewhere likely to be unreliable.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	37/44 S	47/54 S	48/56 S	47/55 S	50/60 S	48/58 S	43/53 SW	42/52 SW	42/52 SW
900	30/37 S	29/37 S	32/40 S	28/37 S	31/41 S	29/40 S	30/40 SW	29/39 SW	29/39 SW
600	21/34 S	19/31 S	21/35 S	17/32 S	17/34 S	16/32 S	21/36 SW	18/33 SW	17/32 SW
300	10/18 SE	8/16 E	7/12 E	9/25 S	8/23 S	10/28 S	13/30 SW	9/24 SW	7/20 SW
Glen	3/9 SE	3/5 N	3/6 E	6/20 S	7/21 S	11/28 S	12/29 SW	11/26 SW	9/23 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	4/-3	5/-2	5/-2	5/-3	5/-2	5/-3	3/-5	-1/-10	-2/-12
900	5/-2	5/-1	6/-0	6/-0	6/0	6/0	5/-1	1/-6	-0/-8
600	2/-4	3/-2	5/-0	5/1	7/2	7/3	7/2	3/-2	2/-3
300	2/-2	3/-1	4/1	6/3	7/5	8/6	9/6	6/3	4/1
Glen	2/0	2/0	3/2	6/3	7/5	9/6	10/7	6/3	4/1
Freezing Level*	2000m	2200m	2300m	2200m	2300m	2200m	2000m	1100m	900m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Note very high freezing level for much of the day. Slippery surfaces possible with melting snow leading to wet conditions underfoot.

Forecast for Tuesday 20 Dec 2022

Weather: The occasional snow shower expected across the western Perthshire hills and southern Cairngorms, otherwise it will be dry with some good spells of sunshine. Cold, strong winds.

Maximum wind: Strong southerly winds gusting 50 mph with notable wind chill

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%, best chance around Upper Deeside and over the Ochils

Low Cloud and visibility: Excellent outside of cloud and showers. Areas of cloud down to 750 metres although this coming and going through the day

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 rising to 6 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 2 falling to 0 Celsius
Freezing level: 1000 falling to 800 metres